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**TITLE OF INVENTION: USE OF ASSOCIATIVE THICKENERS BASED ON POLYURETHANE AND/OR DIPROPYLENE GLYCOL MONOALKYL ETHERS IN COLOURED AND/OR DECORATIVE EFFECT MULTI-LAYERED LACQUERS**

**APPLICATION(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Ines MANGELS, Karl-Heinz JOSTEN, Udo NENNER, Egon WEGNER, Ekkehard SAPPER and Nicola ZARSE**

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2.  This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371 (b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4.  A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date
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  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
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7.  Amendment to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C.371(c)(3))
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  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
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9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
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11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
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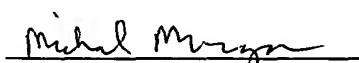
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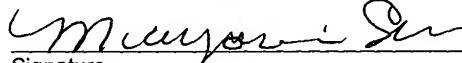
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#### IDENTIFICATION OF ASSIGNEE

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### PERSON(s) AUTHORIZED TO SIGN

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Michael F. Morgan, 42,906  
(type name of person authorized to sign on behalf of assignee)  
Attorney  
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A.

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